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*"Chrono"*

Mr. *B*ross,

The attached wire appears to have some interesting implications.  
I have called it to Mr. Duckett's attention.

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SUBJ: U.S. PROPOSAL ON SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION POLICY

REF: STATE 213708 ROME PASS TO DAVID BECKLER, HORNIG PARTY

1. WE CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FOR A MECHANISM UNDER OECD AUSPICES TO COORDINATE AND DEVELOP NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS AN INITIATIVE OF GREAT POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE. THE U.S., WHICH IS ALREADY WELL AHEAD IN THIS FIELD, WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS POSITION WHILE

ACHIEVING PRACTICAL POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH OURSELVES AND OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES. BY SETTING UP A FORMAL MECHANISM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION WE WOULD ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE WORKING CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION IN AN AREA WHERE WE FACE GROWING DISPARITIES AND PROBLEMS OF INCOMPATIBILITY. THE PROPOSAL IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE IN THAT IT OFFERS TO THE EUROPEANS SOMETHING SUBSTANTIAL IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, PARTICULARLY VIS A VIS THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP WHILE REINFORCING BOTH INTRA-EUROPEAN AND ATLANTIC COOPERATION.

2. AN INITIATIVE OF THIS POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, BE TAKEN WITHOUT FIRST KNOWING CLEARLY WHAT IT IS WE WANT, WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT, AND WHAT OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO ACCEPT. IT SEEMS TO US PREMATURE, THEREFORE, TO TABLE ANY ACTION PROPOSAL AT THE JUNE 26-28 INFORMATION POLICY GROUP MEETING. WE SUGGEST INSTEAD THAT US STATE OUR INTEREST IN THIS FIELD, STRESS OPPORTUNITIES COOPERATIVE EFFORT MAY OFFER, AND STATE THAT WE WILL BE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE.

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3. WE THINK IT OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT WASHINGTON AGENCIES  
CONCERNED WORK OUT PROMPTLY A DETAILED US PROPOSAL TO WHICH WE  
WOULD BE ABLE GIVE OUR FULL POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.  
WITH THIS IN HAND, WE COULD BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY DELEGA-  
TIONS, WE WOULD HOPE AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER, AND PERHAPS IN KEY  
CAPITALS AS WELL. WE OUGHT TO AIRM AT HAVING A DEFINITIVE  
PROPOSAL FAR ENOUGH ALONG BY END 1967 SO AS TO HAVE IT ENDORSED  
BY SCIENCE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN MARCH.

4. WE SHALL BE SEEING KNOX TOMORROW TO EXPRESS ABOVE VIEWS TO  
HIM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN SENSE THIS TELEGRAM BEFORE  
900 A.M. JUNE 26. TREZISE  
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